

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

Adult day health care services and adult day services are critical in assisting seniors, persons with disabilities and medically fragile patients to remain independent and enjoy life in the least restrictive environment as possible. It concerns me that there appears to be some misconception regarding the ability of Medi-Cal beneficiaries to privately purchase these services, as current law already allows that services not authorized by the Medi-Cal program be provided in conjunction with authorized, medically necessary services. Accordingly, I am directing the Department of Health Services to work with Medi-Cal providers to ensure beneficiaries are aware of the current policy and understand their right to purchase these services.

Because current law already allows Medi-Cal beneficiaries to privately purchase supplemental Adult day health services, I am returning Assembly Bill 2639 without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger